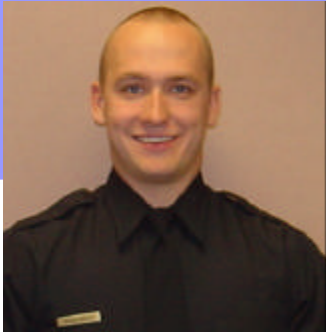


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Drug Recognition & Interdiction

By Recruit Prock

On Monday and Tuesday, Special Agent Peters from DNE and Sergeant J. Sampson from the Wisconsin State Patrol came in and taught the recruits about drug recognition and interdiction.

S.A. Peters emphasized to the class how important it is to handle methamphetamine labs safely. He taught the class that these drug labs are very dangerous and that only trained professionals should dispose of them. S.A. Peters also gave the recruits an in-depth review of all the drug categories. The recruits were then given the chance to perform a systematic search of

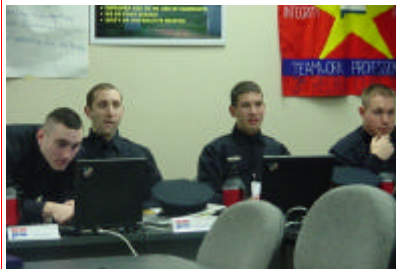


their classroom, where S.A. Peters had hid a small piece of evidence paper. The search proved to be more difficult than expected since the recruits were not told what to look for. The purpose of the scenario was to show the recruits just how important it is to search everything thoroughly.

On Tuesday, Sgt. J. Sampson came into class and showed the recruits what indicators to look for when they come across suspicious vehicles. He told

them to look for little clues, such as the "felony forest." This is when a car has numerous air fresheners hanging from the rear-view mirror. This may be an indicator of a person trying to mask the smell of marijuana. He also showed the class some unique places to hide drugs and how to search for them.

With the knowledge gained in these classes, the recruits have a better understanding of what needs to be done to help get drugs off the street.



Picture Of The Week

Sergeant Hefti demonstrates the Mandibular Angle Pressure Point on Recruit McNally during DAAT review class.



Gangs

By Recruit Bertram

Detective Byerson, from the La Crosse Police Department, instructed the recruits on gang activity. Detective Byerson has first hand experience dealing with gangs and is considered an expert in gang recognition. The recruits learned the difference between the two nations of gangs; People and Folks. There are

distinct characteristics of the different gang nations such as colors, hand symbols, tattoos, graffiti and other indicators that may help police officers identify the type of gang.

Criminal gangs continue to be a growing problem in the United States. Detective Byerson showed the recruits some different types of initiation processes that gangs may use when accepting new members. Some gangs beat

their members in, while others make them buy or sell drugs in order to prove themselves. Respect is a key concept for gang members, and it is important that the police show respect when dealing with gangs. The recruits learned a lot of useful information that will be very helpful to them in the future.

OWI Scenarios

By Recruit Glejf

This week the recruits had an opportunity to apply the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFST) that they had learned before Christmas break. The scenario served as a great refresher for the recruits, who became more accustomed with their procedures during vehicle contacts, radio communications, and performance of SFST. The recruits conducted their scenarios in the dark, which added to their learning experience. Most of

the recruits will be working night shifts at their respective departments.

During the scenario, the recruits had to find reasonable suspicion for the traffic stop. Once that was established, the recruits had the driver exit his vehicle and perform the SFST, which consists of the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus, the Walk and Turn, and the One Leg Stand. Upon completing the scenario, and determining that the driver was too impaired to drive, the recruits then had to fill out all of the appropriate paperwork. Although the

temperature was bitter cold, the recruits found the scenario to be enjoyable and a great learning experience.



Sexual Assault & Child Maltreatment

By Recruit Staab

Sergeant Anibas from the Eau Claire Police Department again visited the Police Corps recruits to discuss sexual assaults and child maltreatment.



The day was spent covering Wisconsin statutes, situational worksheets, and practical interviewing exercises.

Statistics have shown that only one out of six sexual assault victims report the incident to the police. Some reasons for this vary from feeling at fault, ashamed, or afraid to come forward. The recruits realize why it is so important to treat victims of sexual assaults with sensitivity and compassion. Along with the interview techniques, the class discussed the importance of collecting physical evidence from the victim after a sexual assault has occurred due to the limited life of the evidence.

The class also discussed child maltreatment during their final class with Sergeant Anibas. The class began with a

handout that allowed the class to use teamwork to find and discuss Wisconsin statutes that apply to different child maltreatment situations. Along with this exercise, the recruits watched videos and discussed techniques about communicating with children during investigations.

These subjects allowed the recruits to discuss how the statutes of Wisconsin are applied and how they can go about investigating offenses. The techniques learned from the lessons may be applied when interviewing small children who have not developed good communication skills or when talking with emotional victims of sexual assaults.